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Subject: Asbestos Ruling

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To whom it may concern:

I, as a citizen of the State of Michigan, am concerned of the proposal Court Rule No. 2003-47. I am a retiree of Detroit Edison where I came in contact with Asbestos which settled in my lungs. It will be there the rest of my life. It seems certain elements want to protect the asbestos companies from facing their responsibilities.

Doesn't it state in the Michigan Constitution as well as the United States constitution, that judges are not to make the law but rather interpret the law? Why is the Michigan Supreme Court even considering taking steps that would effectively change the law by denying Michigan asbestos disease victims their right to a jury trial?

It seems that Michigan and the Michigan Supreme Court are being used as tools of the asbestos industry and big business to deny the working people their constitutional rights to jury trials when harmed by corporate misconduct.

The crisis in the State of Michigan regarding asbestos litigation is the fact that big business, corporations, the asbestos industry, and law firms like Dickinson Wright feel free to try to take working people's lawsuits out of court and away from juries.

The real crisis in Michigan is the failure of corporations to take responsibility for their bad actions and the willingness of big business and certain conservative republican judges to blame the victims of corporate misconduct instead of holding the corporations accountable.

What are the true facts about asbestos litigation in Michigan? In fact, in the last four years, there has been one asbestos case tried to verdict in the entire State of Michigan. All other cases settled before trial.

I am hoping this will see my side of it. Yours Sincerely,

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